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Second Brigade's homecoming continues

FORT STEWART, Ga. (July 10, 2008) – A summer evening breeze caressed the small gathering of loved ones who came to Cottrell Field here to greet more than 70 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers tonight.

Spartan Brigade commander Col. Terry Ferrell thanked the roughly 100 friends and family for their devotion to their Spartan Soldiers during the 14-month deployment.

“Without you, we cannot complete the missions we have,” Ferrell said.

Ferrell also thanked the Soldiers for their service and welcomed them back to the “soil here at Fort Stewart, Georgia.”

The brigade was mainly located in Arab Jabour and detained more than 800 terrorist suspects and helped foster Iraqi self-governance. Second Brigade Soldiers blocked weapons from entering the Iraqi capital, protected the local population, and trained Iraqi security forces. To date, roughly 2,500 2BCT Soldiers have come home.

Following Ferrell's welcome and the singing of the national anthem, the Marne Song and the Army Song, the family members and friends rushed from the bleacher's reviewing stands to greet their Soldiers.